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TO MR LAKE NSC STAFF WHITE HOUSE WASH D C
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FOR LAKE FROM HAIG

REF: WH00199

1. (S) CONCERNING PARA 2 OF REFERENCE, AM PUZZLED BY SONNENFELDT'S REACTION TO EUROPEAN SURVEY. I SPOKE TO HIM PERSONALLY ABOUT SURVEY AND TOLD HIM USIA WAS PREPARING QUESTIONS AND WOULD CLEAR THEM WITH HIM AFTER CLEARING WITH STATE AND DEFENSE.
2. (S) HENRY LOOMIS IS POINT OF CONTACT ON SURVEY. I SPOKE TO HIM PERSONALLY, AND HE AGREED TO PROCEED AS MATTER OF URGENCY. USIA HAS ALREADY CONTACTED CONTRACTORS IN EUROPE AND USED WHITE HOUSE PHONES TO DO SO. TALK TO LOOMIS, SINCE HE SHOULD BE READY TO GO NOW. ALSO TALK TO SONNENFELDT AND RECALL MY DISCUSSION WITH HIM WHICH WAS EXPLICIT AND THOROUGH AND WAS DONE IN MY OFFICE. HE RAISED NO REPEAT NO OBJECTIONS AND SEEMED TO ACCEPT THAT SURVEY WOULD BE OF VALUE.
3. (S) CONCERNING PARAGRAPH ONE, I DO NOT HAVE SPECIFIC CANDIDATE BUT EXPECT HELMS MIGHT OFFER LIST OF POSSIBILITIES AND SHOULD BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO, SINCE INCUMBENT IS HIS MAN. I WOULD CAREFULLY INTERVIEW ANYONE FROM THAT SOURCE, HOWEVER. THERE IS NO CANDIDATE IN DEFENSE KNOWN TO ME. THUS, ONLY OTHER POSSIBILITY IS FROM OUTSIDE OF GOVERNMENT WITH RESULTING LOSS OF ANOTHER SENIOR BILLET ON STAFF. I WILL CONSIDER POSSIBILITIES KNOWN TO ME WHO MAY HAVE PREREQUISITE QUALIFICATIONS AND REPORT BY MESSAGE TO YOU WITHIN 48 HOURS.
4. (S) TRIP PROCEEDING WELL, BUT THIS BATTLE FRONT RELATIVELY QUITE. BEST WISHES.

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